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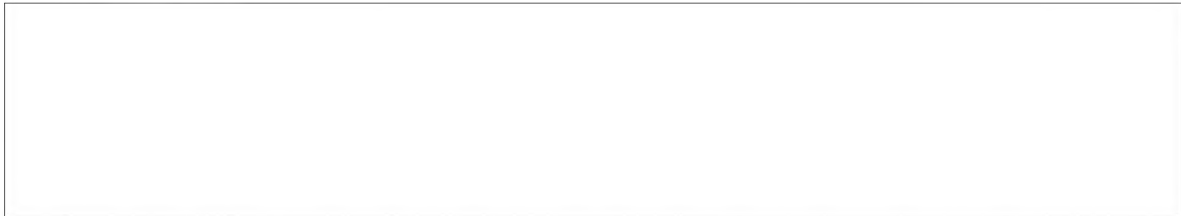
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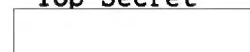
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USSR-FRANCE: Space Mission

A western media representative reports that Soviet television will provide live coverage of the launch of the Soviet-French space mission scheduled for Thursday. A team of two Soviets and a Frenchman will join up with the two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Salyut-7 space station. A French official has asserted that his government will try to hold down the publicity given the flight, which has been criticized by French scientific and intel-25X1 lectual groups as a Soviet propaganda stunt with minimum scientific value. During three broadcasts in the US, the director of the Soviet Institute of Space Research will provide background information and answer questions. 

Comment: The only other live Soviet coverage of a launch was for the Soyuz portion of the joint US-Soviet Apollo-Soyuz mission in 1975. Moscow hopes to emphasize the cooperative nature of the impending launch to gain maximum propaganda benefit. The involvement of the institute director, who normally would be fully occupied in the operations of the mission, attests to the Soviet-25X1 interest in reaching the US audience. 

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SOUTH KOREA: More Cabinet Changes Expected

President Chun is increasing efforts to counter domestic criticism stemming from the recent financial scandal. On Wednesday he indicated to leaders of the major political parties he is ready to replace his economic ministers, and perhaps other cabinet members, for responsibility in the affair. He also hinted he would consider lifting the ban on some of the 567 individuals barred from political activity.

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Comment: The embarrassing scandal has prompted Chun to be more accommodating--including allowing more press criticism--in order to convince a skeptical public he is determined to bring the matter to an end. The meeting with the political leaders may pay dividends by demonstrating the regime's willingness to give opposition politicians a slightly larger role in government. Additional cabinet changes, however, may convey an impression of continuing disarray in senior government ranks. Moreover, the removal of economic ministers could hurt economic recovery by weakening domestic and foreign confidence in Seoul's economic team.

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USSR-ARGENTINA: Fishing Access Unlikely

//The British victory over the Argentines virtually kills Soviet hopes for access to the rich fishing grounds in the 200-mile zone around the Falkland Islands. The USSR and Argentina signed a joint fishing venture agreement in April that allows Soviet fishing vessels to operate within Argentina's 200-mile coastal zone. In the past, Soviet fishermen have operated off the Falklands only infrequently because of the conflicting claims to the area.//

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Comment: //The UK, which was reluctant to declare a 200-mile fishing zone around the Falklands before the war, may now be likely to do so. Soviet fishing vessels probably would be excluded as they are from other British and EC coastal fishing zones.//

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